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SUBJECT: US TRAVEL GRANT REQUEST FOR PDRY STUDENT

1. CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINDLEY, WHO HAS TAKEN SPECIAL INTEREST IN US-PDRY AFFAIRS EVER SINCE HE VISITED ADEN IN 1974 AND SECURED RELEASE OF HIS CONSTITUENT, EDWARD FRANKLIN, OBTAINED PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PDRY STUDENT AT A COLLEGE IN ILLINOIS. SINCE OCTOBER, 1975, HE HAS BEEN REQUESTING DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE TRAVEL GRANT FOR STUDENT UNDER CU PROGRAMS. IN LIGHT OF NON-EXISTENCE OF US-PDRY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND DELICATE STATE OF SAUDI-PDRY RELATIONS, DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED FINDLEY TO DELAY REQUEST.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO RECENT SAUDI-PDRY ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, FINDLEY HAS RENEWED REQUEST. WE ARE INCLINED TO ACCEDE TO REQUEST AT THIS TIME, EVEN IN ABSENCE OF ANY MOVEMENT ON US-PDRY REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, AND BELIEVE WE COULD AVOID GIVING RISE TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT ITS SIGNIFICANCE ON PART OF PDRY. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO ASSURE THAT SAG FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES.

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3. REQUEST THAT AMBASSADOR RAISE THIS MATTER WITH

FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AT NEXT APPROPRIATE
OCCASION, AND OBTAIN HIS REACTION. KISSINGER

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